MESSRS. K. Y. SREENIVASAIYA, KUNIGAL MUNICIPALITY AND SHANBHOG RAMANNAIYA, KUNIGAL TALUK.—

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of Co-operative Societies in the State?

(*b*) The number of Inspectors and Auditors appointed for the supervision of the above societies?

(*c*) If, instead of appointing Auditors and Inspectors, would it not be better to increase the number of Auditors appointed to check the Municipal and Local Boards Accounts giving some allowances to them for checking the accounts of the societies as well, as this arrangement would be less costly to Government and of greater benefit to the societies?

(*d*) If the above arrangement is not possible, would it not be better to appoint more honorary supervisors in place of the present Inspectors and Auditors?

(*e*) The total expenditure on account of the establishment charges of the Registrar and Assistant Registrars?

(*f*) Would it not be better if, in place of the above offices, only the offices of the Registrar is continued as of old?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(*a*) 1,500 at the commencement of the current official year.

(*b*) 41 Inspectors of whom 8 have been employed on Audit work.

(*c*) and (*d*) The suggestions will be examined by Government.

(*e*) Rs. 61,284.

(*f*) The present staff has been considered necessary in view of the increasing number of societies and the need for further expansion of the Co-operative movement in the *malnad* and other backward parts to meet the special needs of the depressed classes and for the development of industrial and other non-credit institutions which require greater attention.

MR. HUTCHAVEEREGOWDA, GUBBI TALUK.—

Q.—18. Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken on the petition presented to the Chief Secretary to Government on the 12th January 1921 by the Patel and Representative Member Hutchaveeregowda, regarding the troubles and worries the raiyats were subjected to by the Overseer of Kadaba tank ever since 1914 ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—Government have made enquiries and are satisfied that no inconvenience is caused to the raiyats by the existing arrangement and that there are not sufficient grounds to change it.